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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Subject: Contracting Support for NASA U-2 Project

Confirming my discussion with and concurrence of Dr. Steininger this is to advise you that various administrative planning details are being completed to support the NASA U-2 Earth Resources Project. Specifically, Depot support, property control and transfer of funds have been addressed and agreement reached. As previously discussed, our planning to date has been based on the assumption that CIA/OSA would provide the contracting support because:

A. The U-2 aircraft involved are on a loan basis to NASA but remain NRO assets.

B. All contracts concerning the U-2 have been processed by CIA/OSA.

C. The special U-2 Depot at WRAMA will logistically support this project. If this project is contracted for by other than a "black" CIA/OSA contract, the involvement of the U-2 Depot would have to be reassessed.

D. Lockheed has based cost estimates on the assumption that CIA/OSA would be the contracting activity. If another activity were to do this contracting, costs would increase significantly due to increased paper work.

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If the NASA U-2 project continues for some time, it may be possible to phase out the CIA contractual support. However, for the time being, it is recommended that CIA/OSA provide the contracting support. Request you indicate your concurrence by signing below.

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